

Homeschool Friday Topics 2009-2010

** Using our resources regularly, to enrich your history lessons? Are your students going the extra mile to learn history? Ask about our Student Recognition program and end-of-the-year awards ceremony! **

August 14 - How to Study a Battle: Our annual introduction to some basic ideas about the study of military history.

September 11 - Francis Marion: The “Swamp Fox” in Two Wars: We'll look into the life of one of our state's great heroes - both his American Revolution exploits and his lesser-known earlier involvement in the French and Indian War.

October 16 - From Frigates to Cruisers: Naval History Lessons: As the museum gets ready for our USS Columbia WWII event, we will look at naval history in the early days of the Republic and in the middle of the 20th century.

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January 8 - Artillery: The Big Guns, 1775-1865: Starting 2010 with a “boom”, we will look at the role of the cannon in the American Revolution through Civil War period. Artillery artifact “close-ups”; not to be missed.

February 12 - Cavalry: Horse Soldiers from 1861-1916: Why did Rudyard Kipling write a poem reminding the British Empire that horses have four legs? Our study of mounted soldiers – Union, Confederate, and postwar – will make it clear. The segregated Buffalo Soldiers will also be featured.

March 12 - Infantry: Riflemen at War: This month we will look at the role of infantry soldiers in two major battles, and how their role changed - and how it stayed the same.

April 9 - Tradition and Memory: Our concluding lesson for the year will talk about how military traditions have been preserved and past wars have been recorded and memorialized – with many local examples.

May 7 - Awards Ceremony!